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Selected claims in a pending Chinese national application corresponding to the above identified application were rejected over Chinese Patent Publication No. 1,276,921. This document is rooted in a PCT application, PCT/NZ98/00151, which was published as WO9917390. Issued U.S. Patent No. 6,492,050 is a national stage entry of PCT/NZ98/00151 and was cited as a basis of rejection for selected claims in a pending Indian national application also corresponding to the above identified application.

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